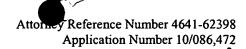
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action of September 11, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 15, with the following new paragraph:

--FIG. 3 shows an optical path diagram of Example Embodiment 1 of a catadioptric optical system according to the present invention. As shown in FIG. 3, an excimer laser E is configured to illuminate the reticle R. The optical system of FIG. 3 can be used with the embodiment of FIGS. 1(a) 1(c) or 2(a) 2(c). In FIG. 3, the reflecting surface M2 is planar and the surface of lens element L in the optical system B nearest to the reflecting surface M2 is aspheric.--

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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